

REMARKS

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In this regard, the Examiner states that it is not clear whether claims 2 and 3 are dependent or independent claims.

Accordingly, claims 2-3 have now been amended such that it is more apparent that they depend from claim 1. It is therefore believed this ground of rejection is rendered moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

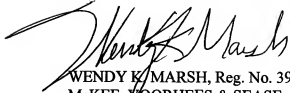
Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 1 is allowed. In view of the amendments to claims 2-3 in conformance with the Examiner's suggestions, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-3 are allowable as well.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable as written. Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,

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